## RIGHTS OF WAY ACQUISITION Project STP-2984(1) HALL COUNTY P.I. Number 162430

The Georgia Department of Transportation will assist families or individuals in finding and relocating to decent, safe and sanitary housing which is adequate to meet their needs and within their financial means. Assistance will also be given to businesses, farm operators, and nonprofit organizations in relocating to other quarters. This assistance is provided to families, individuals, businesses, farms and nonprofit organizations in the form of moving expenses in order for them to relocate. In addition, owner or tenant occupants of residential housing being displaced will be provided financial assistance for increased costs they may encounter in buying or renting. Owner occupants may also be provided financial assistance for certain other incidental expenses such as closing costs and increased interest payments required in their purchase of a replacement home.

The proposed project would displace approximately 20 owner-occupied residences, one tenant-occupied residence, and one owner-occupied business.

In making an appraisal, the appraiser will contact each property owner and arrange a convenient time to make an on-site inspection of the property with them. After completion of the appraisal, the appraisal will be reviewed for accuracy to insure that all items relating to value have been considered in establishing the amount to be offered.

Additional housing for sale and rent in the project area of south Hall County appears to be in adequate supply, as there are numerous Realtors and private sector home sales and rentals available. However, the owner and tenant occupants may require the use of Last Resort Housing even though there is adequate for sale and rental housing available.

Every effort will be made to assist the business in relocating within the same area as opposed to an unfamiliar location or closing the business altogether. Various agencies within Hall County will be enlisted to assist in this endeavor as well as certain private agencies.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is aware of the problems experienced by individuals, families, businesses, and nonprofit organizations when they are required to move. It is our commitment that no family or individual will be required to relocate until comparable decent, safe, and sanitary housing is available or is provided for those who are initial occupants, or adequate decent, safe, and sanitary housing is available or provided for those who are subsequent occupants. Additionally, the Georgia Department of Transportation will provide assistance to the business in relocating to other sites and will encourage it to remain in the community.

The information pamphlet "What Happens When Your Property is Needed for a Transportation Facility" is available at the entrance. This booklet outlines the services offered and any payments for which you may be eligible, such as moving expenses and replacement housing benefits for owners and tenants. The brochure also outlines the eligibility requirements for receiving these payments. The Georgia Department of Transportation will be in charge of acquiring the necessary rights of way for this project.

It is our assurance that <u>all</u> displaces will be given sufficient advanced notice of the Department's intention to purchase any property in order to allow them adequate time in which to move.